

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Panama

a. The lull in violence may not last long. Several public meetings scheduled for the weekend could lead to more bloodshed.

b. Last night's rally was dominated by the communist Peoples Party. Agitators were sprinkled throughout the crowd to applaud and to chant anti-US slogans.

c. In addition to attacks on the US and demands for Canal Zone sovereignty, the speakers made veiled threats against any retreat by President Chiari.

d. The President has not budged from the demand that the US promise to negotiate a new canal treaty as a quid pro quo for restoring diplomatic relations.

e. Yesterday afternoon he ordered all Panamanian diplomats home from Washington, and requested that all US diplomatic personnel, except consular officials, leave Panama.

f. More trouble is looming on the diplomatic front. Miguel Moreno, a former foreign minister noted for his bitterly anti-US views, has been appointed Panama's new ambassador to the OAS.

2. Cyprus

a. Circulation of atrocity stories may bring new violence on Cyprus.

b. Pictures of recently exhumed bodies of Turkish Cypriots killed during the intercommunal fighting are being distributed in the Turkish community.

c. Some Turkish Cypriots are now insisting on a settlement based on autonomy within a federal state.

3. Indonesia-Malaysia

a. Embassy Tokyo reports that Sukarno in his meeting with Attorney General Kennedy agreed to stop military confrontation in Borneo as a preparatory step to a tripartite meeting of Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines.

b. Sukarno said if the Malaysian reply were favorable, he would issue a public statement on Thursday.

c. Ministerial level talks would precede a summit meeting.

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e. Sukarno proposed that any mutual withdrawal of troops from the Borneo border be inspected by representatives of a neutral nation.

4. Zanzibar

a. The shuffling of government posts suggests that, for the moment, President Abeid Karume is gathering more power to himself.

b. Two of the most outspoken pro-communists have been downgraded.

c. Prime Minister Kassim Hanga has been given the lesser position of vice president. Abdulrahman Mohammed "Babu", the main instigator of the coup, is now minister of trade and external affairs rather than defense minister.

d. The defense and home affairs portfolios appear to have been transferred to the President's office.

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h. Today's announcement that the government has proclaimed itself a "people's republic" is straight out of Peiping's book.

i. Tass reports this morning that the USSR has recognized the new government. Communist China, Yugoslavia, North Korea, East Germany, and Cuba have already done so.

5. Belgium - Communist China

a. Spaak has told our Ambassador that Belgium will hold the line and not recognize Communist China at present, though this will create considerable political difficulties.

b. He said De Gaulle desires to recognize the Chinese not because of any economic, material or political advantage to France but only as a political gesture to show French independence of the US.

c. Spaak also agreed to do his utmost to convince the Japanese not to follow the French lead during his visit to Tokyo next week.

6. India

a. Mrs. Pandit has told Ambassador Bowles that Nehru's doctors say he can return to his desk in six weeks if he is careful, but that he must not travel or make formal appearances.

b. The Ambassador observes that the personalities around Nehru are all anxiously maneuvering for influence in a situation where the distribution of power is still not clear.

7. Cuba-Argentina

a. Castro may be offering to help Peron in Argentina.

b. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a Peron emissary traveled from Spain to Cuba in early January, at Castro's invitation, to discuss "a matter of importance and urgency to both".

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c. Peron has been encouraging revolutionary activities in Argentina by various factions of the splintered Peronist Movement.

8. USSR

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NOTES

- A. ECUADOR Rumors are circulating in Quito that Colonel Freile, the opportunistic air force representative in the ruling junta, may be ousted soon. Freile, [REDACTED] has been tacitly cooperating in the anti-junta activities of ex-President Arosemena.
- B. INDONESIA Demonstrators were out again this morning. First stop was the British Embassy to protest the detention in Hong Kong of two ships to be used to transport Indonesian pilgrims to Mecca. The demonstrators read a petition urging the government to break relations with the UK. Next stop was the US Embassy where they chanted "Panama yes, Yankee no" and threatened to confiscate American property if seventh fleet vessels moved into the Indian Ocean.

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